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CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH BLAIRMORE

Rev. James McKelvey, Minister

Services Sunday next:
11.00 a.m., Senior school.
2.00 p.m., Junior school.
7.30 p.m., Public Worship.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, BLAIRMORE

Rector: Rev. W. E. Brown

The Second Sunday in Advent—
Holy Eucharist 11 a.m.
Sunday school 12 noon.

Thursday—
Wax Intercession 7.30 p.m.
Choir practice 8 p.m.

Personally and on behalf of St. Luke's Ladies' Guild, the Rector wishes to thank all those who helped to make our bazaar such a splendid success.

SALVATION ARMY, COLEMAN
Lieuts. S. Nahmney and R. Hammond, Officers in charge.

Sunday services:

11 a.m., Holiness meeting.
2.30 p.m., Directory class.
3 p.m., Sunday school.

7.30 p.m., Salvation Meeting.
Tuesday: 7.30 p.m., Red Shield Auxiliary and House League.
Thursday: 8 p.m., Praise Meeting.
Funerals and dedications on application to the local officer.

HILLCREST UNITED CHURCH:

Services every Sunday at 3 p.m.

BELLEVUE UNITED CHURCH:

Services at 7.30 p.m. every Sunday.

COWLEY UNITED CHURCH:

Services alternate Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock.

Rev. W. H. IRWIN, Minister.

Success of a search begun eight years ago by members of the RCMP resulted in total fines of \$110 and costs for Mousey Koury Maroon in local police court. A stolen rifle was found in his possession.

BLOOD CLINIC MEETS SUCCESS IN BLAIRMORE

The appeal for blood conducted under the auspices of the Canadian Red Cross met with success, both in Coleman and Blairmore. At Coleman no less than 165 donated blood on Tuesday and Wednesday. There were 32 rejects. At Blairmore on Thursday there were 72 donors out of a list of 96.

The clinic was under the supervision of Miss Joyce Williams and staff, of Calgary, who were assisted here by Miss D. Moore, Mrs. J. R. Smith, Mrs. A. R. Granger and Mrs. G. W. Penn as registrars.

The Blairmore B.E.S.L. clubrooms proved to be ideal for the purpose, in fact one of the best the Calgary staff had so far seen.

HILLCREST HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Dave Welsh, junior, is patient in the Holy Cross hospital at Calgary, where she underwent an operation.

Mr. G. E. Cruickshank is a business visitor to Winnipeg this week.

Mrs. H. Halton, of Pincher Creek, was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moser.

Mrs. Alex. Grant entertained at bridge on Tuesday evening, proceeds for the boys' cigarette fund. The prize was won by Mrs. W. H. Moser.

J. Bachour, who received severe injuries in October while at work in the mine, was discharged from the Bellevue hospital on Saturday.

Irene Nykolaychuk visited her parents at Burnie's last week end.

The sum of \$141 was realized from the Christmas tea and bazaar held in the Catholic hall on Saturday by the ladies of St. Theresa church.

Ben Harrison, of Bellevue, had a very narrow escape from death a few days ago when he lost control of a truck and leaped for safety in the Frank slide. He was moved to hospital for treatment. The truck was almost a wreck.

BELLEVUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Evangelist: Alfred Siple

10.30 a.m., Sunday school.

11.30 a.m., Morning service.

We preach the Victory Life of Christ, and invite you.

Is The Stork Losing His Job?



Canadian flying men have moved a lot of strange cargo both at home and abroad in the last several years, but when a Quebec Airways Boeing took off from Quebec City Airport the other day bound for Chicoutimi, it carried one of the strangest loads of all—56 babies, not one of them over five months old!

The infants were being transferred from La Creche Saint-Vincent-de-Paul in Quebec to Chicoutimi—a long train ride, but only an hour away by air. L'Abbe Germain, priest in charge of the orphanage, contacted officials of Quebec Airways and a Canadian Pacific Air Lines subsidiary, with the result that the babies flew, and all in one plane-load. Ordinarily, the aircraft carries ten passengers and a crew of three. But with Sister Coeur Immacule and Sister

Marie de la Reparatoin, who were also making their first airplane flight, the total number of souls aboard was thirty-one. Even so, with each baby weighing an average of ten pounds, it was a far lighter load than customary.

Special three-place cribs, made of plywood, were built so that each baby would fit into one seat in the airplane. Wrapped snugly in baby blankets, and strapped in both boxes and seats, even the

rougher of air could not have tossed the tiny infants out. And as it turned out, there wasn't even one bump on the entire trip.

"They didn't give a bit of trouble," said Stewardess Joan Harland, a veteran hostess of the airline. "After the take-off, and they just went to sleep, and that's all there was to it!"

Bachelor Captain Art Leach, pilot of the plane, didn't have much to say. "They were equalizing when I went forward before take-off, and they were squealing after landed," he announced grumpily.

Said First Officer Gordon Alexander: "I didn't hear a thing. Had the ear-phones on all the time." Then, musingly, "Seems to me static was a little worse than usual, though!"

MEETINGS HELD RE MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL

Provisional Board Chairman E. Williams Asks Ratepayers to Give a Large Majority 'Yes' Vote; Must Have Two-Thirds Majority Vote to Carry Scheme.

The provisional board of the C. N. P. Municipal Hospital District brought E. E. Maxwell, supervisor of municipal hospitals, to the Pass over the week-end and sponsored public meetings in all Pass towns for the purpose of further acquainting the ratepayers with the scheme and allowing them to ask all questions on points on which they had some doubt. Voting on the proposed hospital scheme will take place throughout the hospital district on Saturday, Dec. 16.

At the Bellevue meeting on Sunday at 2 p.m. many questions were asked. The principal question appeared to be "Will it cost us any more for hospitalization in the municipal hospital than it is costing us for our present hospitalization?" To this question Board Chairman Enoch Williams replied that it was his candid opinion that it would not. He stated that 5.12 mills had been set as the assessment rate on land and buildings. On a \$2,000 assessment the hospital tax would be \$10.24. This would be applied to the hospital, the tax being collected through the municipality, or department of municipal affairs in the case of those ratepayers within the L.I.D. 71. It would not be deducted from the pay statement of the miners as has been the case up to the present time. For those with less valuation, say \$1,000, the tax to them for hospitalization would be \$10, and not \$5.12, as the \$10 figure was the minimum tax. He assured his listeners that there would be no duplication of hospital payments.

In regards to the miners' medical contracts, he advised his listeners to maintain these contracts for the present, as they did not enter into the scheme of things at the present time. He advocated that all Pass unions unite to draft these medical contracts at some future time and make them uniform throughout the Pass.

The dollar a day for those unfortunate enough to need hospitalization was another point that was asked time and again at all meetings. This dollar a day to persons incapacitated in hospital might mean a little hardship to some, but the main reason it was on was to bring revenue which would be needed in the financial administration of the hospital and also to educate the people not to run into hospital and seek to become a pa-

tient for some minor ailment that could be treated equally as well at home. It was stated by both Mr. Williams and Mr. Maxwell that it may become possible after a period of two or three years to eliminate this dollar a day fee.

Another question that was a sore spot by some was the matter of site. Mr. Williams explained that the proposed site was certainly not the best in the world, but it was nevertheless a fair site and was centrally located, which was what the board sought in the main. Other sites had been examined, but they either lay across the CPR tracks and therefore were always potentially dangerous to motorists and pedestrians alike or were not ideally located. The proposed site was centrally located between the two points that had the preponderance of population, Blairmore and Coleman having a combined population of over 6,000, leaving something like 2,000 for the balance of the district. It also was close to a good water supply, that of the Town of Blairmore. It had good drainage and also was located alongside the electric power lines. With landscaping it could be made into a beauty spot. Mr. Williams also added that up to the present no better location had been forthcoming from its critics.

Another question asked was "can only ratepayers vote along with members of their families residing at home and over 21 years of age?" The answer was yes. No person renting a home could vote as it was purely a money vote and it would be unfair to allow someone without property to have a say as to whether his landlord was going to pay additional taxation or not. Tenants and others not possessing property could take out a membership ticket for a cost of \$10. This covered his family and female help.

One point which has come out of the week-end meetings and which is now to be given serious consideration by the provisional board is a "fracture room" alongside the X-ray room. In the fracture room will be every conceivable piece of equipment necessary to set fractures. In the Pass towns there are a number of men crippled through no fault of themselves or the doctors. The equipment was not available and they had to suffer the consequence. With this proposed room and equipment it is believed possible that a high percentage of fractures will be healed so that the patient will suffer no ill effects.

Mr. Maxwell emphasized the fact that the municipal hospital scheme throughout the province was twenty-five years old and that all 86 hospital districts were successfully

BLAIRMORE PIONEER PASSES

One of the best known citizens of Blairmore and the Crows' Nest Pass, in the person of George Brown, passed to his eternal reward shortly after midnight on Sunday.

George had always enjoyed good health up until his recent attack some five or six weeks prior to his demise.

Born in England in April of 1870, he came to Canada and Blairmore in 1908, commencing employment with the McLaren Lumber Co. In 1912 he took employment with the West Canadian Collieries at Bellevue, later taking the post of tipple foreman at Blairmore, and still later as yard foreman. In recent years he has been employed as checkweighman.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, George and Alfred at home in Blairmore; four daughters, Mrs. Milley (Amy) of Coleman, Mrs. Anderson (Freda) of Blairmore, Mrs. Frank Vyse (Vera) of Blairmore, and Mrs. W. Goodwin (Reta) of Bellevue.

Funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, with services at the home and at St. Luke's Anglican church conducted by Rev. W. E. Brown. The attendance was large and floral tributes many. Pallbearers were Joseph Wolstenholme, John McPhail, Fred McKay, F. E. Millett, George Sangster and John Jenkins.

George will surely be missed.

For uttering a forged cheque, H. McNabb was at Fernie found guilty and fined \$1,000 or two years in the penitentiary. If the fine is not paid he will serve an additional year.

Mr. Frank Freeman, up to a week ago customs officer in Blairmore, left on Sunday morning last for Nelson, B.C. where he has been transferred and will later be joined by his mother.

Three mountain peaks in the Peace River block will be named after Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin.

serving their respective ratepayers. He also stressed the point that as certain debentures were paid off yearly and the board found that it could finance the hospital with less revenue, then it was natural to assume that the mill rate would be decreased and hospitalization secured at less cost to the ratepayers.—The Coleman Journal.

COWLEY HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Fortier are spending a few days in Calgary. Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Murray and baby daughter were visitors to Lethbridge the early part of the week.

Frank Webber and August Dumont brought in a fine deer each from a recent hunting trip to the foothills.

Eddie Smyth is patient in the General Hospital at Calgary, having undergone a major operation. He is reported as doing well. During his illness his wife is stopping in the city.

Fred Hamill and daughter Myrle have returned to Calgary from a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Griffith Parry and family.

After a serious accident sustained to a hand a few weeks ago while working around a sawmill, Gus Shambron is around again and helping at the ranch. Although he had four fingers practically cut off, thanks to medical science, he has lost only one finger, the other three healing nicely.

Mrs. Lemire (Grandma), aged 94, died Monday morning at the home of Ermi Lemire, four miles north of here. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning from St. Joseph's church, Cowley, to Macleod, where the remains were laid to rest beside those of her husband, who predeceased her some years ago.

A number of gentlemen friends gathered at the Cowley Cafe on Friday night, when a card party was held for Dick Alexander, who is leaving the old stamping grounds to make his home in Pincher Creek. The old familiar game of 500 was played, at which once more Dick made the highest score and carried off the prize. Dick is one of our pioneers, having come here from Ontario some forty-sad years ago. He engaged in farming until a few years ago when he entered employment of Mrs. Christie, who operated a general store here until her recent retirement from business. Dick was presented with a handsome shaking set.

On retiring from business after operating a general store here for some twenty-six years, Mrs. I. Christie was feted last Wednesday evening in the Masonic hall, when a large crowd of friends and well wishers gathered to do her honor prior to her departure for her new home in Pincher Creek. Entertainment took the form of cards for the early part of the evening, progressive what being in the evening. With fifteen tables at play, honors went to Mrs. Rutledge and Mrs. J. E. Clinton for the ladies, while Mrs. J. Papp and John Perceval were winners for the gents. After an appetizing repast, the guest of honor was presented with two beautiful gifts, a club bag and a floor lamp. C. J. Bundy made the presentation speech, to which Mrs. Christie responded very fittingly.

On Monday night the Masonic hall was packed to standing when a miscellaneous bridal shower was held for Miss Isabel Porter. The early part of the evening was devoted to cards, fifteen tables, with honors going to Mrs. Alvin Murphy, Miss Nellie McWilliam, Robert H. Day and Donald Ball. Bud Wall acted as master of ceremonies. After a dainty repast, served from three tables extending the length of the hall, the honor guest was presented with many useful and beautiful gifts, emblems of esteem in which she was held by the large circle of friends in which she has moved since infancy. The presentation speech was made by Mr. H. C. Morrison, and replied to by bride-elect in well chosen words. The evening's merriment was concluded with a lively dance to music supplied by Kenneth Martin and Alvin Murphy.

Squadron Leader D. Revie Walker was guest of the Lions club at the Turtle Mountain Playgrounds on Monday evening, when he addressed them in an able manner.

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Heavy Losses In The Drive Into Holland

LONDON.—Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons that there had been approximately 40,000 British and Canadian casualties in the drive into Holland and Germany. "In these operations, including the storming of the (Schelde) island of Walcheren which contained episodes of marvellous gallantry and great feats of arms, the British and Canadian forces suffered about 40,000 casualties," the prime minister said.

The prime minister announced for the first time that the port of Antwerp has finally been opened "and is now receiving the large convoys of ocean-going ships, thus making an incomparable sea base available for the nourishment of the northern group of British armies and the various groups of American armies also deployed in these operations."

It was to free this port that the First Canadian Army waged the successful, month-long battle to clear the Schelde estuary. That campaign in southwestern Holland ended Nov. 9. It has been widely stated that the present offensive in the west was possible largely because the Canadians succeeded in clearing the coast of France, Belgium and southern Holland, thus opening up vital ports and clearing a way for the use of Antwerp, most valuable of them all.

Gen. Crerar's troops, including British, Polish, Netherlands, Belgium, Czech and American units, were ordered to take control of the Schelde estuary and a dirty, nightmare battle developed in bad weather and over flooded terrain. Casualties were heavy but finally the German 6th and 70th divisions were smashed and the estuary was in Allied hands.

British armored columns had taken Antwerp itself in September and in early October Canadians cleared the port area. But a force of nearly 40,000 Germans was left behind on the Schelde coast to delay its opening as long as possible. Big coastal batteries prevented ships passing up the estuary.

RADAR DEVICE

Ferns Bombing Through Clouds And Smoke Screens

LONDON.—The secret of the "Mickey" a radar device which permits bombing through dense clouds and smoke screens, has been disclosed.

With it British and United States airmen have bombed German targets through cloud cover three miles thick. The instrument transmits radio waves which strike surface objects and rebound to a receiver on the bomber, giving him an outline of cities, coastlines, ships, railroad yards and other targets. Individual buildings can be brought into focus.

MANY PRISONERS

222,735 Taken From June Until November

21st ARMY GROUP HEADQUARTERS.—From D-day last June 6 up to Nov. 24, the 1st Canadian Army took a total of 102,485 prisoners, including 1,986 officers and 100,452 other ranks, it was announced.

The British 2nd Army's bag during the same period was 100,297, including 1,357 officers and 98,940 other ranks.

These hauls, along with 20,000 taken by French forces of the interior, brought the total for the 21st Army group to 222,735.

FURS FROM RUSSIA

TORONTO.—The first direct shipment of furs to Toronto from the Soviet Union, a lot worth about \$25,000, was received here by the Russian Fur Company, Ltd. Previously Soviet fur shipments had been received in Canada through New York buyers, and the change is expected to effect savings of up to 25 per cent. to local consumers.

HAD TO PAY FINE

KESTEVAN, Eng.—Convicted in this Lincolnshire town for killing game without a license, an R.A.F. officer was fined and congratulated at the same time. The magistrate claimed \$20 but praised the airman for his marksmanship for killing two pheasants with one shot.

VICHY MEN EXECUTED

PARIS.—Two young members of the Vichy militia died before a Fort Montrouge firing squad here for the assassination last July of Georges Mandel, interior minister in the Daladier cabinet before the fall of France.

BEEF CONTRACT

Requirements Of United Kingdom Have Been Met By Canada

OTTAWA.—The Canadian meat board to date has purchased 103,000 pounds of beef for shipment to the United Kingdom, the equivalent of 234,000 head of cattle, it was learned.

The purchase means that the Dominion has met in about a year the minimum beef requirements asked by the United Kingdom for the two years 1944 and 1945.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner in July announced the agreement under which 100,000,000 pounds of beef as a minimum would be exported in 1944 and 1945. Shipments of some 50,000,000 pounds had been made then and were included in the total.

Officials said the United Kingdom had agreed to take all Canadian beef surpluses which could be shipped and it has been estimated that final shipments in the two-year period may be three or four times the minimum.

The highest shipments of beef cattle to the United Kingdom in a pre-war year totalled about 40,000 head.

PACT WITH INDIA

Prime Minister King Announces Conclusion Of Mutual Aid Agreement

OTTAWA.—Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced the conclusion of a mutual aid agreement between Canada and India.

"A large part of the supplies of motor transport required for the Indian army is being furnished by Canada and it is expected that the war supplies to be furnished to the government of India in accordance with the mutual aid agreement will consist of automotive equipment for the military forces in India," the statement said.

TOOK FIRST HONORS

Pilot Of Airways Corporation Makes 100 Trips Across Atlantic

MONTREAL.—Capt. W. L. Stewart of British Overseas Airways Corporation became the first pilot to fly the Atlantic 100 times, beating out Capt. L. V. (Buddy) Messenger by a few hours.

Capt. Stewart took first honors when he landed at Prestwick, Scotland, after flying a Liberator on a non-stop flight of 3,150 miles from Montreal.

On the way across, Capt. Stewart passed Capt. Messenger, who was also completing his 100th trip.

In Germany



Wearing a smile of confidence, supreme Allied commander in the European theatre Gen. D. Eisenhower is pictured knocking off a hot meal somewhere in Germany.

HUMAN TORPEDO

How British Seamen Sank A 10,000-Ton Cruiser

LONDON.—A British human torpedo—manned by Sub-Lt. Malcolm Causar, R.N.V.R., and Able Seaman Harry Smith—sank the 10,000-ton Bolzano, last of the Italian cruisers fitted with eight-inch guns, in Spezia harbor last June 21, the admiralty disclosed.

Sitting astride the torpedo, Causar and Smith went inside the harbor, dived under the Bolzano and fixed the torpedo warhead to the hull. Later it was learned Causar had been captured. Smith still is reported missing. The D.S.O. has been awarded Causar and the conspicuous gallantry medal went to Smith.

It was the second known successful "human torpedo" exploit by British naval men. In January, 1943, the Italian Regolo class cruiser Ulpio Traiano was sunk in Palermo harbor. An 8,500-ton transport lying nearby, seriously damaged, later sank.

BLINDED SOLDIERS

LONDON.—The first group of blinded soldiers recently arrived from France are being instructed by blinded veterans of the First Great War.

Announce Tri-Power Draft To Aviation Assembly



Representatives of the United States, Britain and Canada are shown as they met with the steering committee of the conference, held in Chicago, Ill., to announce the tri-power draft of the world aviation assembly. Left to right are, Lord Swinton, United Kingdom; Adolf Berle, Jr., United States; Hon. C. D. Howe, Canada.

Eisenhower Plays Host To Churchill



Prime Minister Churchill listens attentively as Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander in Europe, explains the working of his trailer-headquarters in France.

Shipping Losses Of The Allies And Neutrals

WASHINGTON.—Shipping losses of the Allies and neutrals from the beginning of the Second Great War through 1943 totalled 5,758 vessels aggregating 72,161,000 gross tons, it was officially announced. Of these, 2,921—more than half—were British vessels, aggregating 11,643,000 gross tons.

The British government released through the office of war information a year-by-year breakdown of losses by Britain, her Allies and neutrals, presumably in the service of the United Nations. Simultaneously, the war shipping administration announced United States losses totalled 753 vessels aggregating 3,311,000 gross tons.

In the period covered by the announcement, the United States constructed about 30,000,000 dead-weight tons of merchant ships, roughly offsetting the losses.

The maritime commission in its construction reports used dead-weight tons as a measuring stick, while the report spoke in gross tons. A merchant ship's deadweight tonnage is in the neighborhood of 30 per cent. greater than its gross tonnage.

The report covered losses to enemy action, as well as marine casualties resulting from perils of the sea.

No figures were given on losses for 1944, but the ratio of construction to losses is known to be extremely favorable.

In 1942, 1,099 vessels aggregating 3,338,000 tons were lost. Losses dropped to 812 ships aggregating 3,646,000 tons in 1943.

The combined losses of Britain, the Allies and neutrals in 1943 far outstripped United States construction, and may have exceeded all construction available to the Allies.

Against total losses of 8,338,000 gross tons in 1942, American shipyards turned out 8,089,732 dead-weight tons. Truncated into gross tons, this construction amounted to something less than 6,500,000 tons.

By 1943 the picture was changed entirely. Against losses of 3,646,000 gross tons, the United States produced 19,238,225 deadweight tons, or about 13,000,000 gross tons, for a net gain exceeding 9,000,000 gross tons.

This favorable ratio presumably is continuing into 1944.

VALUABLE MINERAL

Large Deposit Located In The Yellowknife District

EDMONTON.—Ous de Staffany, veteran northern prospector, said in an interview here that he had located a large deposit of tantalite ore in the Yellowknife, N.W.T. district. The mineral contains large amounts of tantalum, a valuable and scarce metal, he said.

The deposit is located on the shore of Great Slave lake, about 70 air miles east of Yellowknife.

"Up until now tantalum has been almost a laboratory curiosity because it has been so scarce," he said. "Its uses in war production have increased tremendously during the last few years and many of the purposes for which it can be used are still shrouded in mystery."

First shipment of the ore recently went out of the mine when 700 pounds were sent to the U.S. Commercial company at Washington.

Says Britain Will Not Need Lend-Lease

WASHINGTON.—The British empire is running "in the red," but is not "broke," Harold Butler, British minister to the United States, said at a news conference. At the same time he expressed doubt that Britain's economy could be restored by 1950.

Meeting newsmen after the release of a British government white paper covering British contribution to the war effort, Mr. Butler indicated his people would need "post-war civilian lend-lease to get them back on an even economic keel."

Interpreting the British white paper, he declared the figures do not show that the British empire is broke. He added that the British do not want to obtain lend-lease goods for re-export.

So far as he knows, he said, there is no consideration now among officials here for a "grant in aid" of several billion dollars to help get Britain back on her feet quickly after the war. Such a grant has been suggested by Wintthrop Aldrich, New York financier.

The white paper showed Britain has disposed of overseas assets totaling about \$4,792,000,000 to help finance the war up to the time they started getting lend-lease, and that they have also run up liabilities abroad amounting to about \$10,350,000,000. This makes a total of about \$15,142,000,000 which they no longer have to draw upon.

Mr. Butler said the war savings in which the British people had invested, will be extremely useful for national recovery in the immediate post-war years by stimulating production of things the British people want.

Initial British purchases abroad probably will include considerable timber in Scandinavia and Russia and some necessities from this side of the Atlantic, but Mr. Butler said that British imports would have to be tailored to fit Britain's ability to pay and he did not foresee a chance of importing any luxury items.

As for his country's over-all financial position at the moment he said the "two are going more and more into the red and will continue to do so until the end of the Japanese war."

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.

Mr. Churchill Has Praise For Allied Armies

LONDON.—Prime Minister Churchill warned parliament that the war against Germany might last longer than he had thought and that his earlier prediction might be revised by dropping the word "early" before the word "summer."

Mr. Churchill spoke after the 10th session of parliament had been opened by the King.

The prime minister, always outspokenly pessimistic concerning an early ending of the European struggle, had said previously that this phase of the war might last until "early summer."

Mr. Churchill gave glowing praise to the progress of the Allied armies on the western front. He said "the enemy everywhere has been thrust back," and added that "any large and effective breakthrough in the German front in the region of Cologne would have the highest strategic consequences."

Then, pausing, he told the house: "We must remember that the enemy whose country is invaded has also the supreme stimuli which we ourselves responded to in the very dark days of 1940 and 1941."

The prime minister praised the fighting of the French troops near the Swiss frontier, where they slashed through to the Rhine, and declared it showed the French army "would rise again and that the French soldier, properly led and properly equipped, is unsurpassed."

The weather had badly hampered the British and American forces at the northern end of the front, he said, but the battle was continuing with vigor and immense losses have been inflicted on the enemy.

Praising the American armies on the western front, he described the capture of Metz and Strasbourg as "glorious and massive achievements," and said that although American losses had been severe on northern sectors of the front the cost had been even greater to the enemy.

He said he might give a full-fledged war review after Christmas when "it may be such easy to put hard facts and cheering facts before the house."

"We have not yet succeeded in driving the enemy back to the Rhine, let alone have we established a strong bridgehead on it," he said. "The battle is continuing with the greater vigor."

Immense losses had been inflicted on the German army. The wearing down process here at a cost to United States forces, had been far greater in its effect upon the Germans.

Of course, he added, any large and effective break on the German fronts in these regions of Cologne and northwards would have the highest strategic consequences.

CRUISER DAMAGED

Swedish Reports Say Prinz Eugen Now In Baltic Port

LONDON.—The German heavy cruiser Prinz Eugen has been damaged and taken to a German Baltic port, the Paris radio said, quoting Swedish reports. The Russians recently reported damaging a German cruiser attempting to evacuate the German garrison from Svorbe peninsula and the Paris broadcast suggested this was possibly the 10,000-ton Prinz Eugen.

GERMAN GENERALS CAPTURED

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Paris.—Capture of two German generals responsible for the defence of the fortress of Strasbourg was announced here. They are Gen. Maj. (equivalent to brigadier) Franz Vaterot, military commander of the city, and Gen. Maj. Wilhelm Ullerspergen, engineer commander responsible for the fortifications.

NAZIS SHOOT WORKERS

NEW YORK.—The Swiss newspaper Arbeiter-Zeitung said 300 German workers had been shot during a strike at Mannheim and that several hundred others had been "mutilated" during a popular revolt at Dusseldorf.

HARVEST WAS POOR

INVERNESS, Scotland.—North-east Scotland gathered its worst harvest in 50 years after a wet summer and even wetter autumn. From 10 to 25 per cent. of the grain crop had to be left in the fields.

FOR CHANNEL ISLANDS

LONDON.—Negotiations are under way to send relief to the British civil population of the German-occupied Channel Islands through the International Red Cross.

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MAGAZINES APPRECIATED

Since March last there has been shipped overseas an average of 100,000 magazines a month from the various agency depots across the country, military authorities in Calgary announced this week. The Alberta quota is 4,000 a month, and has always been maintained or bettered by the magazine depots of Calgary and Edmonton, who have worked faithfully and valiantly at the task.

The majority of these magazines are less than a month old when shipped. More current magazines would be welcomed.

The magazines go via Red Cross to the assistant director of auxiliary services, London, England, who is responsible for their distribution overseas.

In addition to the foregoing, the Kinmen club, working in conjunction with magazine depots, ship tons of magazines to the Navy League and Merchant Marine. These shipments are largely made up of less current magazines.

Individuals may take magazines to any Post Office from where they are forwarded, without charge, to the nearest magazine depot and are then despatched overseas. Individuals are not permitted to send magazines, except by paying a subscription and the magazine is then forwarded by the publisher.

A FOREIGN POLICY FOR CANADA

The Canadian Congress of Labor at its recent convention in Quebec expressed its mind on Canadian foreign policy in the following resolution:

Be it resolved that this fifth convention of the Canadian Congress of Labor support the following as the foreign policy of Canada:

1. The first object of our foreign policy must be to win the war at the earliest possible time.

2. The future security of peace-loving nations will depend upon the extent and effectiveness of international cooperation. There is no security in national isolation. Canada must play its part in promoting international cooperation among the peace-loving nations, great and small.

3. The prosperity of all nations, as is their security, is indivisible. Economic isolation destroys economic security. Canada must play its part in promoting unrestricted trade and economic cooperation with other nations.

4. That Canada advance its good neighbor policy by joining the Pan-American Union for closer relations with South American countries.

5. That Canada strengthen its relations with its great northern neighbor, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and sign a pact similar to that in force now between Great Britain and the Soviet Union.

CRISIS AND CURE

The eyes of the whole nation and much of the world have been centred in Ottawa these last few days on what parliamentary correspondents called "the most dramatic sitting which this historic chamber has ever witnessed

or ever likely to witness."

For a spectator it was an emotional experience beyond the power of words to convey. There wasn't much talking in the long queues that day after day lined the corridors of the parliament buildings. The gravity of the situation was written on the faces of those people waiting and hoping for a chance to get into the spectators' galleries. For them, whether they realized it or not, the issues were far more fundamental than the question that was being decided on the floor of the house. All the arguments and cross questioning were only eruptions—the symptoms of something much more going on underneath.

The immediate issue facing the members in the house was the need for reinforcements for our fighting men and this issue had to be met. But the stark staring facts that burnt itself, almost with a physical pain, into one writer was our failure since 1919 to build a nation. This is the issue that confronts every thinking Canadian today. For that failure could not have been more clearly evident if it had been etched on a streamer and hung from the rafters of the common-chamber itself.

Why did it happen? Well, that's a question that each person must ask himself and answer himself.

Now is a good time to take honest stock of ourselves. For what has been going on in the house of commons in Ottawa only magnifies the lack of responsibility and deep failure of each one of us over the last 25 years. What sort of nation builders were we between 1919 and 1939? Where did most of our energies go. To build a nation? Or to build a bank balance, a reputation or a business?

These days emotions are running high. Bitterness, prejudice and hate smolder and burst into flame. We blame the other fellow. Yet by giving way to these emotions we only pave the way for the complete breakdown of confederation and the end of Canada. The issues at stake are greater than the deepest personal feelings of any living Canadian, for they concern the future of every Canadian.

Not long ago a great British philosopher, Dr. Streeter, of Oxford, said, "A race that has grown up intellectually must grow up morally or perish." Is that the place in history where Canada stands today?

"PUBS" AND BEER PARLORS

We suppose there is nothing that can be done about it while beer is on the rationed list and everyone who takes a glass of beer feels impelled to rush to the beer parlor as soon as the doors are opened and guzzle as much as possible in as little time as possible in order to be sure of getting his share of the available supply.

But it is to be hoped that the time soon comes when the beer parlors get away from the present bargain hunting crush to take on a more sane approach to the service which they perform. Soldiers coming back from Britain recently have compared, not to our advantage, the British "pub," with its leisurely approach to the provision of refreshments and with its "poor man's club" atmosphere, and the rush to gulp our beer in Canadian beer parlors. Ours is not a pretty picture, and gives encouragement to those who think we should again try the noble experiment of prohibition.

We suggest to owners of hotels having beer parlor licenses, and to the staffs thereof, that if they want their industry to survive they should put it in its proper perspective in connection with the whole hotel business. And they should try to educate the public that the be-all and the end-all of beer distribution is not how much money can be made in the shortest possible time. The people of Alberta did not vote to the public sale of beer by the glass 20 years ago solely to provide a racket whereby a few grasping individuals might become wealthy. They decided upon beer by the glass in licensed premises as the best way to provide for a public need, and the best way to help to provide necessary hotel accommodation throughout the province. The public was

thinking of itself, not of fortunes for beer parlor operators.

War-time restrictions on the production of beer have led recently to a none too pleasing spectacle in the beer parlors, where, for a few hours each day that the supply lasts, there is a scramble to serve and be served. It is giving the public a distorted view of this phase of the hotel business, and hotelmen should be the first to try to correct the impression. Far from emulating the leisurely atmosphere of the British "pub," which our boys overseas seem to find so pleasing, the average beer parlor in Alberta today takes on the atmosphere of a Donnybrook fair. The wise hotelman will see the point and try to develop in the public mind a different conception than now prevails towards the beer parlors.—Lethbridge Herald.

IMPUDENCE IS NEVER GOOD BUSINESS

There is a day coming when those business men and their employees who are using the war as an excuse to be rude to their customers will regret their actions. Courtesy has always been one of the touchstones of Canadian business, and it has usually been true that those firms which treated their patrons with civility and friendliness have succeeded most.

Nowadays most of us who spend our money for goods or services are prepared to accept with more or less equanimity the annoyance of rationing, shortages, delays and often in-expert service. Such things are inevitable in wartime, and it is a tribute to the resources of Canada that after five years of war our civilian economy has not been more seriously upset. There has been little real suffering in this country.

But we are not prepared to accept indifference, arrogance and sometimes actual insults from those who in peacetime have eagerly sought our patronage. A good many business men have been wise enough to keep their establishments operating on a basis of courtesy during these difficult years. All honor to them. With help hard to get and often incompetent, many kinds of goods non-existent, deliveries restricted and a mountain of bookkeeping to do every day for the government bureaucrats, it hasn't been easy to conduct business with a smile. On the other hand, there are too many business men who, with trade plentiful and dollars growing on every bush, have reverted to the public-be-damned attitude which nearly wrecked some good business houses a generation or so ago.

Perhaps we should make it clear that we are not talking about the butcher who finally reaches the end of his patience and snaps back at the acid-tongued housewife who insists that she must have a sirloin steak when there is none in the shop. Nor do we mean the store manager who is forced to be pretty firm with the patron who demands that a handkerchief be delivered to her home ten miles away in the suburbs. There are unreasonable customers, and there comes the time in the life of every free-born citizen—including the business man and his clerk—when it is his right to stand up on his hind legs and pin somebody's ears back. Most of us don't want the people who wait on us in the stores and service shops to be snubs.

The fellow we're talking about is the manager of a laundry who, when told by one of his long-time patrons that four of her husband's shirts had been tipped to shreds within a month, asked her nastily, "Why don't you try another laundry?" We're talking about the store salespeople who stand around and gossip about themselves, making no move to wait on the customer until he begs their assistance. We're thinking of a friend of ours who went all over town, from store to store, hunting an electric heating pad for his sick wife and was asked superciliously by two different smartypants clerks if he didn't know there was a war on. We're talking about the store managers who permit this sort of thing. We're talking about the filling-station man who, in

the days when you could say "Fill 'er up," always cleaned your windshield hundreds of thousands of servicemen and asked you courteously if he could check your tires, but who now, when you have only two coupons to spend, doesn't even thank you when he hands you your change. We're talking about the street-car conductor whom we heard lash out at an elderly woman with an uncivil "Get a move on, grandmas," when she fumbled a little in finding her fare.

Among the worst offenders are the employees of the public transportation systems in some of our large cities. In one eastern city, the rude conduct of the street-car motemen and conductors has become a public scandal, but with a powerful union calling the tune, and new employees almost impossible to find, the company management insists there is little it can do to correct the situation. Clearly this is a case where the union officials should step in and deal firmly with the culprits in their own membership. If this unions are ever to win their case with the rank-and-file public, they must demonstrate that they are willing to accept and carry out the responsibilities which have come to them with their new powers.

The day is coming when the war-

both of our wars—will be over, and hundreds of thousands of servicemen will be demobilized. There will again be competition for jobs. Laundries and filling stations will again be seeking customers. There will also be new stores, new automobile repair shops, new paint-stamping establishments—for some of the enterprising young men returning to civilian life will of course be setting up in business of their own. They will be smart enough to know that courtesy is always a winning technique for a new business. They will find an eager clientele among a lot of people who won't easily forget, when peace comes, the unnecessary arrogance, sometimes impudence, which is so often dishd out to them during these war years.

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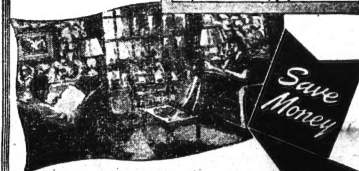
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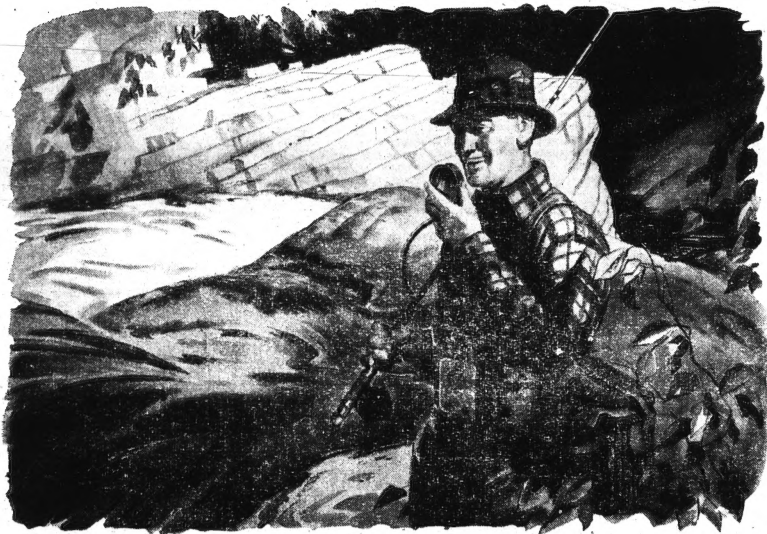
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NOTICE of POLL

Crows' Nest Pass Municipal Hospital District

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a vote will be taken on

Sat. Dec. 16th

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to ratify or reject the scheme to form the Crows' Nest Pass Municipal Hospital District.

That the polls will be opened from nine o'clock in the forenoon and kept open until the hour of six o'clock in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Divisions comprised in the said proposed Crows' Nest Pass Municipal Hospital District:

WEST COLEMAN, Polling Subdivision No. 1—

Comprising all that part of the Town of Coleman lying west of Eastern Avenue, and all territory westwards to the E.C. boundary in townships 7 and 8, ranges 4, 5 and 6, west of the 5th meridian. Polling place: West Coleman School.

CENTRE and EAST COLEMAN, Polling Subdivision No. 2—

Comprising from the east side of Eastern Avenue in the Town of Coleman to west boundary of section 10, township 8, range 4, west of 5th meridian. Polling place: Community Hall, Coleman.

BLAIRMORE, Polling Subdivision No. 3—

Comprising the west half of sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 26, and all of sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 15, 22, 23, 26, 27, 34, 35, and the east half of sections 4, 9, 16, 21, all in township 7, range 4, west of 5th meridian; west half of section 12, and the east half of sections 16, 21, 28, 33, and all of sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 15, 22, 23, 26, 27, 34, 35, in township 8, range 4, west of 5th meridian. Polling place: Main School, Blaimore.

FRANK, Polling Subdivision No. 4—

Comprising all of section 6, township 8, range 3, west of 5th meridian; east half of section 1, township 8, range 4, west of 5th meridian; and the east half of sections 23 and 26, township 7, range 4, west of 5th meridian, and sections 20 and 31, township 7, range 3, west of 5th meridian. Polling place: Frank School.

BELLEVUE, Polling Subdivision No. 5—

Comprising the north-east quarter section 16; that portion of sections 17 and 20 north of the river; section 21, 26 to 29, 32, 35, all inclusive, in township 7, range 3, west of the 5th meridian. Polling place: Bellevue School.

PASSBURG, Polling Subdivision No. 6—

Comprising sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 15 and 22; the west half of sections 7 and 8, and the south half and north-east quarter of section 16, township 7, range 3, west of 5th meridian. Polling place: Passburg School.

HILLCREST, Polling Subdivision No. 7—

Comprising Hillcrest Village and that portion of section 7 not included in Bellevue or Passburg polling subdivisions. Polling place: Hillcrest School.

BURMIS, Polling Subdivision No. 8—

Comprising the east half of township 7, range 3, west of 5th meridian; sections 1, 2 and 3, 10, 11 and 12, 13, 14 and 15, 22, 23 and 24, 25, 26 and 27, 34, 35 and 36, and sections 1 to 36, in township 8, range 3, west of the 5th meridian. Polling place: Burmis School.

TODD CREEK, Polling Subdivision No. 9—

Comprising all territory westward to the British Columbia boundary in township 9, range 3, west of 5th meridian. Polling place: Willow Valley School in the Todd Creek area.

That I will on Monday, the 18th day of December, 1944, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Town Hall, Coleman, Alberta, open the ballot boxes and finally declare the votes for and against the proposed scheme.

Given under my hand at Hillcrest, Alberta, this 30th day of November, 1944.

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WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

American factories have turned out 240,000 airplanes and 70,000 tanks since the beginning of the war production program.

South Africans get no meat at all on Wednesdays. Up until recently pork was sold but now this will be cut off.

Ambassador W. Averell Harriman said German atrocities on the eastern front in Poland and in Russia have not and cannot be exaggerated.

Engineers in Worthing, Eng., hope to build a harbor and bathing pool with the eight-ton concrete anti-invasion blocks along their sea front.

The Duchess of Kent made her first trip down a mine when she visited the Horden Colliery in Durham, Britain's largest coal workings.

Remittance during the first 10 months of 1944 of more than \$3,982,000 to the Canadian Red Cross was reported at an executive meeting of the Ontario division.

The first civil air service out of London in more than four years operated recently from Croydon, when a railway air services aircraft left for Liverpool and Belfast.

A mail-order system has been introduced in Britain to provide men discharged from hospitals outside London with the civilian clothing provided by the government.

Observers of the aircraft detection corps made 142 suspected or proven sightings of submarines off the Canadian east coast and Newfoundland in 1943, it was disclosed at Yarmouth, N.S.

Most Expensive Fur

Chinchilla So Small 100 Pelts Necessary To Make Coat

They say it takes all kinds of people to make a world, and certainly it takes all kinds of animals to make the world in which we live. And it is their marvellous variety that makes that animal world so very interesting. Among all that variety surely there can be no more interesting or entertaining animal than the chinchilla, the tiny rodent about the size of a man's hand, a native of the high altitudes in the Andes Mountains, possessor of the most marvellous fur of any animal, now raised to a limited extent in the United States for the purpose of making luxurious coats.

It is no exaggeration to say that they are very luxurious, for any sum up to \$100,000 has been paid for one and the richness of the fur may be judged from the fact that there are some sixty thousand or more hairs on every square inch of the animal's hide.

The chinchillas are cute little animals, with their own odd ways, and make quite interesting pets. They are very clean in their habits, and are altogether vegetarian.

It takes nearly one hundred chinchilla pelts to make one good-sized woman's coat. How comfortable the wearer feels in view of that fact has not been reported.

MORE APPLE JUICE

For the past three years, apple juice has been reserved for the armed forces. This winter, about 500,000 cases of the juice, fortified with vitamin C, will be available for the public. It will not be rationed.

First electric locomotive was exhibited and operated on July 26, 1847.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"Just follow the arrow!"

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Farmers Help Themselves



Saskatchewan farmers believe that charity begins at home when residents of the Richmond area in the southwestern part of the province were going short of vegetables and garden truck, due to drought, farmers and residents of Herbert and Rush Lake, on the Canadian Pacific main line, loaded their surplus products into boxcars and shipped them to the drought area. Photo shows vegetables being loaded at Rush Lake.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 10

CHRIST IN THE HOME

Golden text: These things I command you, that ye may love one another. John 15:17.

Lesson: Genesis 1:27, 28; 2:18; Matthew 19:4-6; Luke 10:38-42; Ephesians 6:1-4; II Timothy 1:3-8.

Devotional Reading: Isaiah 54:1-8.

Explanations And Comments

A Christian View of Marriage, Mt. 19:4-6. In one of their efforts to "entangle" Jesus in his talk, the Pharisees asked him, "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?" Should Jesus answer "Yes," he would offend the Jews who believed in the teaching of Rabbi Johanan who said, "The putting away of a wife is odious." Should he answer "No," he would be opposing the teaching of many rabbis and would offend Herodias, for Herod had put away his own wife and married Herodias, the wife of his brother, while the latter was still living, and his fury might cause Jesus to share the fate of John the Baptist.

"What did Moses command you?" Jesus questioned in return, according to Mark's Gospel. "Moses suffered to give a bill of divorce, and to put her away," they replied. "For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment," returned Jesus. As some one suggests, the law of Moses was like the law of Solon, the great Athenian law-giver, who once said that his laws were not the best that could have been devised, but they were the best that the Athenians could receive. The Mosaic law was the best for Moses' time and under the special circumstances in which the Hebrews lived, and it must give place to a higher law.

Jesus then announced that God had ordained one wife for one husband, and that law the same for man and woman. The sacredness of marriage ought to be a subject upon which we have no doubts. On this point it is well not to have an open, but a closed and settled mind. The remedy for unhappy marriage is not greater facility for divorce, but increased thought and seriousness in the contraction of marriage." (J. D. Jones).

STILL DIFFICULT

Rumors about the silence and possible illness of Adolf Hitler continue to intrigue many people. The fact is, however, that if Hitler were never heard from again, the problem of defeating and re-training the German people would remain about as acute and difficult as before.

An average pair of men's shoes contain about 100 pieces of steel, including eyelets, nails and shoelace tips.

Ruined For Years

Germans Leave Trail Of Suffering In Province Of Finnmark

Crown Prince Olaf of Norway province of Finnmark, burned and laid waste by Germans in retreat from the Russians, may be uninhabitable for "years to come".

"Thousands of men, women and children have been sent wandering over snowbound roads in zero temperatures, Prince Olaf said, and invalids and young children were dying by the wayside."

He told a press conference that the Germans, in evacuating the far north of Norway, forced the Norwegian population to accompany their troops in order to assure them protection from Allied air attacks and bombardment from the sea.

All the towns in Finnmark, which is larger than Holland, have been evacuated, he said. Populations totaling upward of 61,000 face starvation and death from freezing.

The crown prince, commander-in-chief of the Norwegian armed forces, said supplies "to a certain degree" are being sent into northern Norway through Kirkenes and that every effort is being made to organize resistance and underground movement.

"Co-operation between Russia and Norway is extremely cordial," he declared.

STORED GRAIN

In warehouses and other storage places, stocks of different ages of grain should not be mixed. The older stock should be disposed of first, before it becomes infested with insects, and unsaleable.

Persons interested in statistics might like to know that the chances of being killed in a train accident in Great Britain last year were 440,000 to one.

Prediction For Japan

Bugus Revolt May Be Staged When Homeland Is Threatened
Sir Archibald Hurd in the Montreal Star, says: What will happen in Japan when the homeland is threatened by the sea, air and land forces of the United Nations? The answer to that question vitally concerns New Zealand and Australia as well as Canada and India, as it also concerns Britain.

There is reason to believe that events will follow much the same course as in Germany after the Great War. The flight of the Emperor, who will be blamed for defeat so as to shield his advisers, will be the prelude to a carefully planned revolution and the setting up of a puppet republican government by the military dictators so as to win the sympathy of the great democracies, and thus gain time to prepare for another war. That is the peril of any peace which may be concluded with Japan.

When the down-trodden peasants and industrial workers realize that the Emperor, who they have been told, can do no wrong, has not saved them from disaster, he will disappear, as did the Kaiser William II. The Urgh Hsuepa of Japan, in all the splendor of their naval and military traditions, while pulling the strings, will retire into the background until the time comes when, as in Germany, they consider that they can again mount the stage.

Preoccupied by the war in the West during the past five years, the people of Britain have been inclined to forget that over two-thirds of the area of the British Empire is in the Eastern hemisphere and that the British nations have vitally important financial and commercial as well as territorial interests in the East which must be defended at all costs. The people of Britain, in particular, have a heavy account to settle with the Japanese.

An Odd Animal

Platypus, Native Of Australia, Is Mixture Of Several Kinds

One of the most curious animals in Australia is the platypus, which seems to be a mixture of several animals. It can live either on land or water. It has the fur of a seal, the bill of a duck, and is web-footed. It has short legs with five webbed toes on each foot, and the male has a horny spur on his heels. Unlike the duck, it has nostrils at the extreme end of its bill. Although clumsy on land, it is a fine swimmer, and snails and shell fish compose its food. It lays eggs like a turtle, but carries its young in a pouch and suckles them—Our Dumb Animals.

In Stuart days it was the custom to put a piece of toast in the wine cup for flavor; hence the English expression "drink a toast."

Relieved Of Duties

Nothing is Left In Path Of Ferocious Driver Ant

Mavin L. Witaker, in Our Dumb Animals, says:

The insect known as the driver ant is a most ferocious creature and perhaps more to be feared than even the wild animals and cannibals of Africa. They travel like soldiers, in columns, and the order of march is perfect. Their numbers are no large as to be considered only in astronomical figures.

Nothing is left in their path. Even if they encounter an elephant there will be nothing left of it after they pass except a mass of whitened bones. Native, noting the approach of the driver ant army, leave their villages and flee in terror. When they return all livestock of every description has completely vanished.

When the marching column comes to a stream, the ants pile and form themselves into balls, some as large as a hornet's nest, and roll out upon the water. A given point on the other shore is attained with uncanny accuracy, scouts having been sent out to locate the best point of embarkation. Subsequent balls cross in like manner until the entire colony is on the opposite side.

Hard To Believe

Early In Queen Victoria's Reign

Wives Were Sold At Auction

What would have been thought of a man in Turkey who took his wife with a halter round her neck to market and sold her to the highest bidder in the reign of Abdul Hamid, a contemporary of Queen Victoria, may be imagined. He would have floated down the Bosphorus tied in a sack! Yet in the first half of Queen Victoria's reign 15 wives were sold by auction in markets by their husbands for sums ranging from 1s to 11s (the highest on record), and these disgraceful spectacles seem to have been regarded mainly with amusement.

The last recorded wife sale in this country occurred at Aylesford, near Maidstone, when a farmer sold his wife for 2s 6d in 1852. A farmer named Thompson auctioned his wife at Carlisle for 20s, and a dog. The women of that period must have been strangely indifferent to the rights of their sex. What an uproar there would be today amongst the women of this country if a wife were put up to auction by her husband—London Leader.

Invasion Weapon

Rocket Fitted Landing Craft Carries Deadly Missiles

The fire from one of Britain's rocket-fitted landing craft is roughly equivalent when falling in a small area to the fire of 30 regiments of artillery or 30 cruisers each mounted with 12 six-inch guns, when related to the time over which the bombardment takes place.

This was one of the recently revealed secrets of this invasion weapon, used first in Sicily and again in Normandy. Combined operations headquarters developed the craft, which can fire all its rockets in 30 seconds, to give close support to troops approaching a beach.

The Chinese invented or discovered silk, porcelain, tea, printing and gunpowder.

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THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



REG'LAR FELLERS—Mathematical Wizard

BY GENE BYRNES





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Where Credit is Due

Los Angeles Man Pays Tribute To
British Bulldog Courage

Wesley Ruggles, back from nine months in England, is less impressed by what the British owe to us than what we owe to them. He is convinced that, if it hadn't been for their grim, bulldog courage we, instead of them, now might be suffering from robot bombs.

"Rome was spared and Paris was spared," he says, "but there has been no sparing of London. Its ordeal began in 1940, when England was losing the war, and it took a brave people to stand up under it. When we began winning the war the people rejoiced and thought it was all over. Then the bombings began. Air raids had lasted a few minutes to a few hours, but the bombings kept coming day and night, killing more persons than were killed in the invasion of Normandy. They could sleep or rest between air raids but the bombings would come all night and they would gamely go to their jobs and carry on all day. The blasts were so terrific that often they did damage a quarter-mile away. I saw a motorbus which had been blown into the second story of a building by one."

"When I left London 1,000,000 buildings had been damaged by them, and many thousands completely destroyed. When I saw the devastation I couldn't help thinking that if England hadn't stood staunch when all the rest of Europe gave up we might have had attacks on our own shores."—Los Angeles Times.

HAS LARGE COLLECTION

Mildred Huffman, of Muncie, Ind., owns more than 1,000 dogs, but doesn't worry about feeding them, for they are all potter, teakwood, hals or china. She believes that her collection is about the largest of its kind in the country. Included is one of the six pair of Staffordshire china dogs formerly in the royal palace of Soria in England.

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OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

The Siamese Rickshaw

By GEORGE CHERNISH

McClure Newspaper Syndicate

I pushed open the door marked "War Department" and found Jim Saylor, my chief, staring moodily out a window. He swung around when I entered. "I've a little job for you," he said. "It's unusual, but I think it's worth a try. Remember that Chinese crank who used to pester us?"

I nodded. The chief was referring to an old Chinaman named Tai-Lin, who had besieged Washington officials for years with scattershot inventions.

"He went mad the other day," Saylor continued. "They put him in an asylum, but he's still frothing about a secret explosive. Claims he's discovered a powder ten times more potent than the best in existence."

I laughed. "No wonder they locked him up."

Saylor frowned. "He's really off at his head, but I'm inclined to nibble at that explosive yarn. I know it sounds foolish, Jordan, but in these times of stress we can't take any chances. Suppose there is such a formula? And suppose an enemy agent got wind of it?"

"I agree with you there, chief," I said.

"Unlike most of his race," Saylor went on, "Tai-Lin lived alone. In an old stone house in Shepherd's Marsh."

He paused for a moment, his gray eyes regarding me keenly. "I want you to take Pickering and search that house from top to bottom. Keep your eye out for old papers, or a blueprint."

"O.K.," I said shortly. "We'll leave at once."

Pickering was more enthusiastic about the assignment than I was. But he was still a little green, and didn't know cranks as a veteran does.

I took us three hours to drive out to the old Chinaman's dwelling. Made entirely of stone, it lay at the edge of a huge half-frozen marsh. There was no bush nor brush of any kind, for miles around. We went in, and kicked a blaze in the old fireplace, for it was cold out here at this time of year.

All that afternoon we searched, but there were very few possible hiding places for a blueprint. Gradually I grew disgruntled with the job. And then I came across the rickshaw—an ancient, wobbly affair, it stood in one corner of the attic, covered with cobwebs. Vaguely I recalled something about Tai-Lin's importing it from Siam, where his grandfather had hauled it through the streets of Bangkok for his daily bread.

As I stooped over to examine it, Pickering's voice bellowed from below: "Hey, Tom! I've found it! The blueprint!"

I tore out of that attic like a typhoon. Pickering was standing in front of the fireplace, his lips moving silently as he peered at rows of Chinese brush figures. "It was stuck in a crack," he told me breathlessly, "below one of the window sills. We'll need a translator to decipher it."

I nodded and said, "We're not sure this is it, though. You'd better stay here and keep on searching while I take it into town."

He scowled a little. "Step on it, then. We're almost out of wood, and it's getting colder every minute..."

The big clock atop the city hall was striking ten in the evening as I was striding ten in the evening as I was pulled to a stop before my chief's residence. He was more enthusiastic than I when I showed him the blueprint.

"Come on!" he cried, grabbing his hat and coat. "We'll get Yan-Po out of bed!"

It wasn't necessary, however, to get Yan-Po out of bed. The young Chinaman was seated in his hotel room, poring over a map of the Philippines. He was one of the many translators in the employ of Uncle Sam.

I stiffened as Yan-Po said: "From my knowledge of explosives, I would say that this is a most powerful formula, indeed..." It mentions here a duplicate of this print contained in the shaft of a rickshaw."

"It's in the attic of the old house," I told them. "I was looking it over when Pickering found it."

Then things really started. The door swung open and three men hurried themselves upon us. Simultaneously, four more came leaping through the windows. I had the presence of mind to grab the print and slip it to him. I flung the pieces out a window before they finally overpowered me.

Their leader, a tall fellow with a foreign accent, ordered us bound and

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gugged. "Very careless of you," he told me. "First, you allow yourself to be followed, and now you destroy a formula whose duplicate we can easily reach. To the rickshawmen!" he barked. In a moment they were gone.

Shortly after dawn, a bellhop came in to investigate the unexplained ringing of our telephone. Within ten minutes we had a dragnet under way, but all of us viewed the situation as hopeless. It required only three hours to reach Tai-Lin's country home, and five had elapsed since the foreign agents had left. I shuddered as I remembered Pickering. One against seven...

Yan-Po was sorrowful. I can remember the formula, he told us, "but how much better it would have been to keep it to ourselves!"

"Yes," our chief said. "I guess we can all kiss our jobs good-bye."

Later, when we arrived at the old stone house we learned from the cop in charge that Pickering had been bound and gagged. The chief and I dashed up to the attic. But the rickshaw was gone. Saylor's face fell. "Took it with them," he grunted.

I could only nod.

Although Pickering had been badly beaten, he managed to grin when he saw us. "You're a fine one," he snapped at me, "leaving me out here without a stick of wood. If it got so cold I had to burn the old boy's rickshaw—or freeze to death!"

This Week's Pattern

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By ANNE ADAMS

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A BIRD'S APPETITE

"Eating like a bird" is a phrase often used to describe persons of delicate appetite, but, according to zoo keepers, birds eat more in proportion to their weight than any other of the zoo inhabitants.

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Western Artists

Saskatoon's Two-Piano Team Thrills Musical Audience In Toronto
(By Hector Charlesworth)

A two-piano team of the first rank, new to the local public, was heard at Eaton Auditorium recently, and roused the sincere enthusiasm of a very musical audience. Rumors have been reaching Eastern musical circles of the remarkable achievements of two natives of Saskatoon, Evelyn Eby and Reginald Bedford, whose concert had won favor in both the Canadian and American West, and had been lavishly praised in Chicago. They are pupils of a Mr. Gustin of Saskatoon, a veteran teacher who has done much for musical progress in Saskatchewan. They played together as children, and subsequently Miss Eby studied with the great pianist, Josef Lhevinne, and Mr. Bedford with Percy Goetger.

Mr. Bedford was recently appointed principal of the Hamilton Conservatory of Music, and Miss Eby has joined its staff, in order that they might continue their concert work together. A number of the Hamiltonians came for their Toronto debut.

Both artists possess large and beautiful tone, and are completely versed in the resources of finger technique. In addition, they are profoundly musical in their intonation. Their coordination is perfect in spirit and finesse. With them the musical line is never broken for the infinitesimal part of a second; and their fervor and enthusiasm rouse delight.

Certain numbers on the program called for deep interpretive feeling and virtuosic acrobatic feeling. One was Brahms' "Variations on a Hymn Theme," of which the composer made both an orchestral and two-piano version. The theme itself is one of the noblest conceivable, and on it Brahms based a set of eight superb and entrancing variations. Every nuance was beautifully and thoroughly pre-empted, and there was orchestral grandeur in the enunciation of the theme. Rhythmic subtlety of a rare order and complete technical mastery marked two of Rachmaninoff's most difficult compositions: a Barcarolle and a Scherzo. The most brilliant display of all was in Saint-Saens' Scherzo, immensely difficult, but, as they played it, thrilling in fire and radiance.

Among many shorter offerings was a certain novelty, "The Plain Air," by Germaine Taillefer, identified with the group of modern French composers known as "The Six," which also included Milhaud, Honegger and Poulenc. It describes two games, "Le triquetra" and "Le jeu de la main morte," and "Cache-cache Milou" (hide-and-seek). Modern French music figured largely on the program; one of the suite of three caprices in Debussy's little-known "En Blanc et Noir," "The Top," by Jean Baptiste Ournover, who composed several hundred light piano pieces, Milhaud's "Brazilliers," and Ravel's "Empress of the Pagodas". The light, sure, playful quality of their interpretations was fascinating. Another gem was Thimian's arrangement of the lilting English folk song, "Sussex Milkmaids."

Two seasons ago Bartlett and Robinson were heard at the same range of the Scottish "Kor Row," by a gifted young Saskatoon composer, Thomas Austen. This brisk and infectious arrangement was originally composed for the first Chicago appearance of Eby and Bedford, and is dedicated to them. They rendered it with joyous abandon. In truth, one could not imagine a more stimulating program.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

Rust Tests

Brandon Experimental Farm Shows Results Of Tests On Rust Resistant Oats

The results of rust resistant oats tests conducted at the Dominion Experimental Farm, Brandon, Manitoba, failed to show any great difference in the yielding ability of the varieties Ajax, Exeter, and Vanguard.

The average yields for the three years, 1942-44, were: Ajax, 137 bushels; Exeter, 128 bushels; and Vanguard, 121 bushels. For the same period, Banner averaged 110 bushels, and Gopher, 111 bushels per acre.

From the standpoint of maturity, Ajax was three days earlier than Vanguard and six days earlier than Exeter. Both Ajax and Vanguard showed good strength of straw. Exeter was inclined to lodge, being similar in that respect to Banner.

Exeter has a coarser seed than Banner and Vanguard but no real difference existed in weight per bushel. Exeter had the highest percentage of hull and Vanguard the lowest.

Acron, a Greek physician, is reputed to have originated fumigation in 473 B.C. when he halted a plague in Athens by burning aromatics in great fires.

MACDONALD'S

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Infation in Poland

Yard Of Cloth Worth About Two Thousand Dollars

For a yard of cloth in Poland today a farmer would have to give about 315,000 pounds of potatoes. If he had the money to pay in cash for the cloth, he would need two thousand one dollar bills. This is inflation.

But in many cases the farmer can't get the cloth at all because his potato crop has been requisitioned by the Nazis. Or the man in the city may not have any cloth to exchange because the Nazis have taken it away against the coming of winter. So the price of the neighbours' potatoes goes higher and the list of the hungry and cold lengthens as the list of supplies shortens. This is war-inflation.

Before the war the cost of living in Poland was modest compared to many other European countries. After four years of German occupation the cost of merely existing has become more than many can afford. Now a fifth year has been added and the situation in most parts of the country is worse.

The system of rationing as set up by the Nazis is stringent and in some cases the portions of food allotted per week only exist on paper. So black markets spring up everywhere. German organized and fed. For Germany has the keenest appreciation of the striking power of inflation as a weapon of war and has overlooked no opportunity of directing it to her own infamous ends.

Makes A Difference

Right Color Will Give You An Appetite Say Experts

Maybe it isn't your stomach after all that is causing that loss of appetite... maybe it's your eyes, or more specifically, the things your eyes see.

Color experts have found now that appetites may be diminished or utterly destroyed according to the apparent color of the food brought about by use of colored lighting effects and various color schemes on walls and ceilings.

Recognition of the fact has dictated scientific attention to the paint jobs of dining rooms by progressive restaurants and hotels. Sometimes merely the use of a wrong color may mean the failure of a restaurant, while application of a different color could have led to a paying clientele.

Individual color schemes are matters for the expert. In general, however, it has been found that people eat better in dining rooms painted in attractive warm shades, derivatives of yellow. Blue and greens tend to blunt the appetite.

SELECTED RECIPES

ROLLED OATS' PASTRY
1 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sifted pastry flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup mid-favoured fat
1 1/2 cups rolled oats
1 cup cold water
Mix and sift flour and salt. Cut in the shortening, using two knives or a pastry blender, until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Add rolled oats and mix lightly together. Gradually add water until the dough clings together. Chill before rolling out.

Makes one double crust, 9 inch pie and one 9 inch shell. Bake shells in a hot oven, 400 degrees F., until light brown, about 10 minutes.

CHEESEAPPLE PIE
Pie paste
6 medium-sized apples
1/2 to 3/4 cup brown sugar
4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind
Line a 9-inch pie plate with plain or rolled out pastry. Peel, core and slice apples thinly. Combine sugar, spice, salt and cornstarch and sift over the apples, stirring gently until they are well coated. Place apples in layers in the pie shell. Dot with butter and sprinkle with lemon juice and rind. Bake without a crust in a hot oven, 425 degrees F., for 25 to 30 minutes. Remove from oven, sprinkle cheese over pie and return to oven to melt the cheese. Serve hot or cold. Yield: One 9-inch pie.

By the middle of 1944, close to 650,000 units of military transport had been produced by the Canadian automotive industry.

Health LEAGUE presents TOPICS OF VITAL INTEREST

RURAL MEDICAL SERVICE

The insecurity inherent in the geography and economy of Saskatchewan "makes it the more urgent to establish a system of socialized medical services on a provincial scale," it is stated in the report recently released by the government-appointed Saskatchewan Health Services Survey Commission. Thus any plan formulated for the future would have to give primary consideration to the development of rural medical services.

If recommendations contained in the report are adopted, it appears that the Saskatchewan government's pre-election promise "to set up a complete system of socialized health services with special emphasis on preventative medicine," will be headed towards fruition.

The commission was headed by Dr. Henry E. Sigerist, professor of history of medicine at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. Its report said the history of the last two decades revealed a marked trend towards the socialization of essential medical services. And, in a section dealing with rural health services, the report said the establishment of Saskatchewan's municipal doctor system 25 years ago had brought medical care to thousands of people who otherwise would not have had any medical attention. The system had stood the test of time and should be maintained and developed, but with certain defects—such as lack of uniformity—remedied.

However, the report added that most municipal doctors are underpaid and over-burdened with work. As a result they had to accumulate contracts and engage in private practice in order to make a decent living. There also was the temptation to practice surgery without being fully prepared for it.

Remedies suggested, included the organization of Rural Health Units, served from Rural Health Centres, and a system of minimum salaries for municipal doctors, such salaries to be increased with years of service.

Under such a system the member of a farm family who became sick would seek advice at the Rural Health Unit where he would receive examination and treatment and would be hospitalized if necessary. Patients requiring major surgery or specialized treatment would be referred to the nearest District Hospital where treatment not available at the centres, would be obtainable. Rare cases presenting difficulties in diagnosis or requiring neurosurgery, chest surgery or similar highly specialized treatments would be referred to larger centres in the bigger cities.

Commenting that District Hospitals should have full-time surgeons on their staffs, the report commented that it is a "waste" to have well trained surgeons engaged in general practice.

TREES FOR PRAIRIES

Free distribution of deciduous trees grown at the Dominion Forestry Station at Indian Head and Sutherland are available to farmers in the Prairie Provinces only. These farmers may also purchase evergreen trees from the Forestry Station at a price of \$1.00 per 100 trees.

Speaking of antiques, a woman wouldn't pay 10 cents for a 10-year-old hat, but she would give \$200 for a 100-year-old bedspread.

Scholarship

Value \$750.00, and cash awards for original students of 10-year-olds of either sex under 12 years on March 31, 1945, the closing date for entries.

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For entry forms and full information apply to the CANADIAN YOUTH SIGHT SOCIETY LIMITED, Royal Bank Building, Toronto.

Quebec is now known as the Elve of Canada.

Communist headquarters at Athens, Greece, have been captured by the British.

HMCS Shawinigan has been sunk in the north Atlantic with her entire crew of ninety.

The marriage took place at Taplow, England, recently, of Lieut. NS Mary Bower, eldest daughter of Mrs. A. Bower, of Pincher Creek, to Trooper Charles Aubrey White, of the Fort Garry Tank Regiment, of Winnipeg.

Local and General Items

The Canadian senate has adjourned to January 31st, 1945.

"Bill" Burns, well known farmer-rancher of the Twin Butte district, was a visitor to Blairmore this week.

Foreign Minister T. V. Soong has assumed the premiership of China, enabling President Chiang Kai-shek to concentrate full on military tasks.

The regular monthly meeting of Crows' Nest Chapter of the IOOE will be held in the Anglican hall on Tuesday next, December 12th, at 7.30 p.m.

Report says that twenty-one inches of snow have been recorded in the Lethbridge district up to Wednesday of this week. The Pass is still working on its fourth inch.

"Thy Kingdom Come" is the subject of an excellent article by A. W. Rogers, KC, MC, president of the Toronto branch of League of Nations Society, which appeared in the recent issue of the United Church Observer.

Mrs. Hannah Hillary, wife of the late Joseph Hillary, passed away in Calgary on Monday at the ripe age of 82. She came to Alberta from Morden, Yorkshire, England, in 1910. Joseph Hillary, of Coleman, is a son.

Aircraft of the Mediterranean allied coastal force accidentally sank the unilluminated German hospital ship Tuckingen during a period of poor light on November 18th while enroute to Trieste. Regrets were conveyed to German authorities.

The St. Luke's Church Guild sale of home cooking, fancy work, etc., held in the Oliva hall on Saturday afternoon was most successful. The cut-work cloth drawn for went to Luther Goodwin, of the Burnis district, on ticket number 452; the turkey to Miss Sillon on ticket 108; the lamp to Miss Jean Oliver and the cake to Miss Marjorie Campbell.

Churchill said: "The time will soon come when the free citizens of each great democracy will have to choose and range their strength behind whatever international policy appears to them best designed to ensure the future security and prosperity of their country and the world." That time is now! The maintenance of peace in the future is no longer the business of a select few, but is the intimate concern of every man and woman in the world.

Men full of anxiety have little room for affection, and vice versa.

If we were more concerned with people's needs, we would be less critical of their lacks.

Don't put brakes on the enthusiasm of youth. Give it a break by giving it a plan for the nation.

Bruno Fabro returned to his home in Kimberley last week, following a period spent in hospital at Cranbrook.

Many eyes were refreshed when bottles of liquor were displayed in a Lethbridge courtroom a few days ago.

Money is not the most important thing in the world, but you will notice that all important people try to get it.

A lot of people are like goldfish—they keep moving around in a circle without getting anywhere. Go straight ahead when you move.

Drinking water at Whitehorse in the Yukon costs five cents a pail. That's almost as much as the government gets for water in Edmonton.

A world in which people try to get the best of each other has never worked. A world in which they bring out the best in each other has never been tried.—Ex.

A thief got away with a pillow from the C. M. Baker wholesale office in Calgary. He should rest easily now for about one second out of every fifty-nine million.

Sergt. Charles Ritchie, who has spent the past four years overseas, arrived home to Bellevue last week end to spend a brief furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ritchie.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill on Friday night sang "Fort Years On" and other famous Harrow songs when he visited his old school at Harrow, England.

A 16-member royal commission has been working for a year now on a study of Britain's falling birth-rate, a problem so important that unless it is overcome Britain's population will be halved by 1999.

Proof of a mild November was found on Wednesday last week by Gladstone Wilson, Thorburn, NS, when he picked a flourishing bunch of strawberry blooms near the railway tracks at Trenton.

The 70-room Assiniboia hotel at Medicine Hat, valued at \$150,000 and operated by George Cantalini, formerly of this district, was totally destroyed by fire during the very early hours of Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Short, of Coleman, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Beverly Vivian, to LAC William Melnyk, of Winnipeg, who is stationed at Rivers, Manitoba, the marriage to take place late this month.

G. R. Thomas, assistant superintendent of the Crows' Nest division of the CPR, has been transferred to the Pentiction division in the Okanagan, and is succeeded by F. J. Malone, who has been at Moose Jaw for some time.

From Sept. 1, 1939, to Sept. 1, 1944, it is claimed 2,400,000 German soldiers were killed on the battlefronts of Europe and Africa. A further 540,000 were so seriously wounded that they will be invalids for life. The number of deaths through air raids is estimated at 450,000.

A new book of pioneer life in British Columbia has just been issued. It is a novel by Fred Nevin, the last and best that well known author produced before he died last March. It is a well told tale of a young Scottish engineer who came to a BC mining camp in 1905, and his experiences during the next ten years. The name of the book is "The Transplanted," and is said to be well worth reading.

EDUCATIONAL REHABILITATION

The Alberta department of education has arranged, in co-operation with the federal department of labor, to establish special schools for ex-service personnel who desire to complete matriculation for university entrance or other educational training. The first of these schools will be opened in Edmonton on January 2nd, 1945.

Ex-service personnel desiring to enter this school should write without delay to Mr. O. P. Thomas, 10019 101A Avenue, Edmonton, for particulars and advice. With the first letter, an applicant should give particulars as to length of service, place and time of last school attendance, age and course which applicant desires to enter at University.

This school is part of the federal plan for educational rehabilitation of ex-service personnel, and will be conducted in such a way as to enable those attending to complete their high school work in the shortest possible time.

The University of Alberta is planning to establish for ex-service personnel, early in the year 1945, courses covering the work of the first university year following senior matriculation. It is intended to enable students now eligible to enter university to complete the first year before the opening of the university session in September of 1945.

PREPARATION FOR VICTORY

How very true is the statement by President Roosevelt: "There is another preparation demanded of the nation beyond and beside the preparation of weapons of war; there is demanded of us also the preparation of our hearts."

Prayers for freedom from war are being answered; victory and peace will soon be here.

Over what have we as nations and individuals the right to be victorious? We have the right to be victorious over the illusion that any nation is a superior nation. We have the right to triumph over the illusion that any nation can live unto itself; the right to correct the suggestion it is people we hate instead of the repulsiveness of the atrocities of tyranny and arrogance. The message given many centuries ago by Lao-Tse still remains a spiritual fact: "The gentlest thing in the world will override the strongest. To remain gentle is to be invincible." Nazism and all such cruel domination is learning this verity.

We can be unceasingly thankful that awareness is overcoming apathy, thus rousing citizens of the world to their responsibilities to study local, national and international government and electing to administrative government representatives who are fully convinced of the truth that if one nation suffers all nations suffer, and if one nation prospers all nations prosper. Experience is teaching that nationalism combined with internationalism is the only way to attain and maintain an enduring peace. Much suffering and loss is teaching that we, as nations, are "members one of another."

As to commemoration of the occasion of victory and peace, the meaning of the word "celebration" rapidly disappears by reason of its absolute inappropriateness. Families of brave people in all parts of the world will be missing the presence of their cherished ones. May we always be deeply and sensitively sympathetic for others in our joy for freedom from war. These thoughts came when asking, "What is demanded of us in the preparation of our hearts" for victory and peace. Many people in many countries have similar thoughts, may we share them?—Cherrie F. Jones.

"V"

"This is a remarkable suit of clothes I'm wearing," a man said to his friend. "The wool was grown in Australia, the cloth was made in England, the suit was tailored in Toronto and I bought it in Blairmore. Isn't it interesting how so many people can make a living out of something I have not paid for?"

A fly was walking with her daughter on the head of a doctor who was very bald. "How things change, my dear," she said. "When I was your age this was only a footpath."

The old-fashioned farmer was hard to convince. "No," he declared, "I'll have no such contraption in my house. Planners are bad things."

"Oh, but, father," protested his daughter, "this is an upright piano."

Friend: "Say, Bill, I saw your wife down town yesterday with a black patch over her eye. What happened?" Bill: "Oh, nothing. That's her new hat."

Christmas Seal for Christmas Mail.

City liquor stores now keep open till 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Many men have a sense of humor, but in some women it's a sense of humor.—Ex.

A local guy made a remark a few nights ago that the street lights were not necessary.

A couple of fine deer were brought in by the Olivers from the Dutch Creek district on Sunday.

Walter Mills returned to Calgary on Monday, following a visit here with his brother, Chief D. Mills.



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